TO: State Directors

Rural Development

ATTN: Community Programs Managers

FROM: James C. Alsop

Acting Administrator Rural Housing Service

SUBJECT: Parity Lien Requirements

PROPOSED/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to clarify that when a direct loan and a guaranteed loan are made on the same project, it will be considered all Rural Development financing and, therefore, parity lien positions will not be required.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces RD AN No. 3470 (1942-A) dated June 7, 1999.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

For clarification purposes, the reference to "lender" in RD Instruction 1942-A, section 1942.17(g)(1), means a lender not receiving a Community Facilities (CF) guaranteed loan. Whenever both a CF guaranteed loan and a CF direct loan are utilized to finance a CF project, we will consider this financing to be all CF financing. Therefore, the parity requirements in RD Instruction 1942-A, section 1942.17(g)(1), will not be required. As a matter of policy, we will request a parity lien. However, if the lender making a CF guaranteed loan cannot meet their other regulatory requirements, such as FDIC's loan to value ratio, we will subordinate our CF direct loan to the guaranteed loan.

EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 2002

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding RD Instruction 1942-A